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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August October 19, 2004, the reply period for which has been extended by the attached Petition to Extend Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

(1) Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.